

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1-6. (canceled)
- 1 7. (previously amended) An apparatus for shielding a user's eye while allowing the user's
2 eye contact with air, the apparatus comprising:
 - 3 a. a frameless eyeshield having an optically correct viewing area; and
 - 4 b. a cushioning structure affixed to at least a portion of the perimeter of the
5 eyeshield wherein the cushioning structure includes a plurality of vents
6 formed by holes in the cushioning structure for allowing air to circulate
7 behind the eyeshield.
- 1 8. (original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 further comprising openings in the
2 eyeshield for coupling a strap to the eyeshield.
- 1 9. (previously amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8 wherein the length of the strap
2 is adjustable for holding the eyeshield in front of the eye.
- 1 10. (previously amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the plurality of vents
2 do not distort vision.
- 1 11-18. (canceled)
- 1 23. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein a nose-bridge portion of
2 the cushioning structure is affixed to a single surface of the eyeshield.
- 1 24. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein a nose-bridge portion of
2 the cushioning structure has a plurality of vents formed by holes in the cushioning
3 structure.
- 1 25. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the eyeshield provides
2 structural support for a means of securing the eyeshield to the user.

1 26. (previously added) An apparatus for shielding a user's eye while allowing the user's eye
2 contact with air, the apparatus comprising:

- 3 a. an eyeshield having an optically correct viewing area; and
4 b. a cushioning structure affixed to at least a portion of the perimeter of the eyeshield
5 wherein the cushioning structure includes a plurality of vents for allowing air to
6 circulate behind the eyeshield and wherein at least a nose-bridge portion of the
7 cushioning structure is affixed to a single surface of the eyeshield.

1 27. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 further comprising openings in
2 the eyeshield for coupling a strap to the eyeshield.

1 28. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 27 wherein the length of the strap
2 is adjustable for holding the eyeshield in front of the eye.

1 29. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the plurality of vents
2 do not distort vision.

1 30. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the plurality of vents
2 include holes in the cushioning structure.

1 31. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the nose bridge portion
2 of the cushioning structure has a plurality of vents formed by holes in the cushioning
3 structure.

1 32. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 26 wherein the eyeshield provides
2 structural support for a means of securing the eyeshield to the user.

1 33. (previously added) An apparatus for shielding a user's eye while allowing the user's eye
2 contact with air, the apparatus comprising:

- 3 a. an eyeshield having an optically correct viewing area wherein the eyeshield provides
4 structural support for a means for securing the eyeshield to the user; and
5 b. a cushioning structure affixed to at least portion of the perimeter of the eyeshield
6 wherein the cushioning structure includes a plurality of vents formed by holes in the
7 cushioning structure for allowing air to circulate behind the eyeshield.

- 1 34. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33 further comprising openings in
- 2 the eyeshield for coupling a strap to the eyeshield.

- 1 35. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 34 wherein the length of the strap
- 2 is adjustable for holding the eyeshield in front of the eye.

- 1 36. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33 wherein the plurality of vents
- 2 do not distort vision.

- 1 37. (previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 33 wherein at least a nose-bridge
- 2 portion of the cushioning structure is affixed to a single surface of eyeshield.